

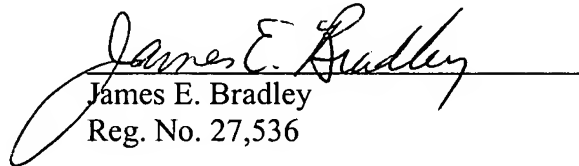
REMARKS

This application is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 10/157,477, which has been allowed. For this continuation-in-part, Applicant has canceled claims 1-31 and has added claims 32-57. Applicant does not wish to abandon application serial no. 10/157,477. Applicant is also attaching formal drawings, no changes to the drawings have been made.

CONCLUSION

The claims should now be in condition for allowance and applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


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